

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
"EXPEDITED PROCEDURE"  
EXAMINING GROUP 3727

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including February 27, 2007, to make this reply timely.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 28, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed January 30, 2007, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.